

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on March 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 568, 3/8/2017; SB 568, 3/8/2017; SB 214, 3/8/2017  
Executive Action: HB 315, HB 318, HB 454, HB 575, SB 119

**HEARING ON HB 568****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:37 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 568, Revise laws related to nonresident hunting.

00:03:24 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy, Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:30 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:10:42 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**[EXHIBIT\(fih58a01\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:14:16 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:17:06 Rep. Vinton joined the meeting

00:17:28 Jerry Davis, Montana Bow Hunters Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:49 Hank Worsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:13 Rep. Loge

00:19:34 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:20:00 Rep. B. Brown

00:21:40 Mac Minard, MOGA

00:22:17 Rep. Z. Brown

00:24:11 Mac Minard, MOGA

00:24:45 Rep. Z. Brown

00:26:52 Hank Worsech, FWP

**[EXHIBIT\(fih58a02\)](#)**

00:27:49 Rep. Price

00:28:15 Nick Gevock, MWF

00:29:04 Rep. Jacobson

00:32:05 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:32:19 Chair Flynn

00:34:02 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:34:27 Chair Flynn

00:35:03 Mac Minard, MOGA

00:35:29 Chair Flynn

00:36:55 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:37:14 Rep. Rosendale

00:38:32 Nick Gevock, MWF

00:38:45 Rep. Jacobson

00:40:40 Mac Minard, MOGA

00:41:10 Chair Flynn

00:42:42 Mac Minard, MOGA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:59 Rep. White

00:46:22 Sen. Cohenour

**HEARING ON SB 214**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:14 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 214, Allow limited spear fishing of game fish.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:51:44 Eileen Ryce, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih58a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:54:17 Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleye Unlimited (MWU)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:25 Rep. Vinton

00:59:37 Sen. Cohenour

01:00:04 Rep. Loge

01:00:23 Sen. Cohenour

01:00:51 Rep. Z. Brown

01:01:38 Eileen Ryce, FWP

01:03:07 Rep. Jacobson

01:03:25 Eileen Ryce, FWP

01:03:41 Rep. Welch

01:06:38 Eileen Ryce, FWP

01:06:58 Chair Flynn

01:08:01 Bob Gilbert, MWU

01:09:33 Chair Flynn

01:10:52 Eileen Ryce, FWP

01:10:58 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:11:32 Rep. Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:11:47 Sen. Cohenour

**HEARING ON SB 213**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:03 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 213, Clarify Smith River corridor funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:16:09 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:17:02 Rep. White  
01:17:38 Sen. Cohenour  
01:18:04 Dustin Temple, FWP  
01:19:01 Rep. White  
01:21:03 Dustin Temple, FWP  
01:21:34 Chair Flynn  
01:23:34 Dustin Temple, FWP  
01:23:48 Rep. Welch  
01:24:03 Dustin Temple, FWP  
01:24:26 Chair Flynn  
01:24:44 Dustin Temple, FWP  
01:25:08 Rep. White  
01:26:59 Dustin Temple, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:54 Sen. Cohenour  
  
01:29:42 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
01:30:21 Chair Flynn

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 119**

01:31:51 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **SB 119 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:32:03 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
01:33:35 Chair Flynn  
01:33:38 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
  
01:34:08 Without objection, Rep. B. Brown withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.  
  
01:34:36 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
  
01:37:26 Recessed  
01:55:18 Reconvened

01:55:51 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **SB 119 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:56:06 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **SB 119 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(fih58a04)

**Discussion:**

01:58:35 Hank Worsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
  
01:59:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:59:44 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **SB 119 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:59:56 Rep. White

02:00:31 Rep. Court

02:00:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Flynn will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 315**

02:01:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 315 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 318**

02:02:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 318 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 575**

02:02:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 575 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 454**

02:03:19 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 454 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:04:03 Rep. Z. Brown

02:04:15 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 454 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(fih58a05)

**Discussion:**

02:04:33 Rep. White

02:04:53 Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:05:51 Rep. White

02:06:30 Rep. Welch

02:06:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:07:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:07:36 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 454 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:07:44 Rep. White

02:08:48 Rep. Jacobson

02:09:58 Chair Flynn

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02:12:36 Rep. White

02:12:50 Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:14:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Price and Rep. B. Smith voting no.

02:16:26 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:17:28

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih58aad.pdf](#))